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HOUSE RESOLUTION 238
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Briarcrest
Christian School Girls' Basketball Team on
winning the TSSAA Division II State
Championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly recognize the accomplishments of
those outstanding athletic teams that work hard, display brilliant skill, and demonstrate
exceptional dedication and diligence in their sport; and

WHEREAS, the Briarcrest Christian School Saints are one such estimable team; during
their outstanding 2001-2002 basketball season, they earned the title of TSSAA Division II State
Champions; and

WHEREAS, Briarcrest Christian School compiled a phenomenal record of 31 wins and
only five losses, earning a District Championship and the West Region Championship; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these titles, the Saints earned numerous other tournament
honors including Fifth Place in the Deep South Classic, Fourth Place in the Briarcrest
Invitational and they defeated Tupelo in the Night Of Champions Tournament; and

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WHEREAS, after capturing the West Region Championship, Briarcrest breezed through the sectional tournament to reach their fifth consecutive Final Four to face Hutchison School; and

WHEREAS, the Saints continued their remarkable performance in the Final Four as they soundly defeated Hutchison to advance to their fifth consecutive State Championship game against top-ranked Harpeth Hall High School; and

WHEREAS, trailing by one with five seconds remaining in the game, the Saints managed to steal a Harpeth Hall inbound pass and Alison Gordon found Jenny Golden for an easy lay-up that propelled second-ranked Briarcrest to the upset victory; and

WHEREAS, this tremendous victory marked the Saints' second consecutive State Championship and their third in the past five years; and

WHEREAS, this team was filled with talented players, many of whom garnered numerous awards and honors including Jada Mincy, who was named to the Division II All-Tournament Team and honored as the Most Valuable Player of the Division II State Tournament; Jada also was honored as a Finalist for the TSSAA Division II Miss Basketball Award; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Jada Mincy, Jenny Golden and Alison Gordon were named to the Division II All-Tournament Team; and

WHEREAS, the members of this outstanding team are Seniors, Jenny Golden, Alison Gordon, Emily Morris and Josie Rote; Juniors, Jasmine Davis, Jacqueline Devoto, Laura Frazier, Melissa Melton and Jada Mincy; Sophomores, Autumn Clark, Lindsay Colley and Brittanie Gilland; and Freshmen, Caroline Vestal and Kristen Wooten; and

WHEREAS, the Saints were guided by the expert coaching of highly respected Head Coach Hugh Freeze and Assistant Coach Rick Orr; and

WHEREAS, the team was capably assisted by Trainer, Lance Boling; and

WHEREAS, the Saints enjoyed the generous support of the Briarcrest Christian School administration, faculty, staff, students, and fans; and

WHEREAS, the athletic excellence displayed by this phenomenal basketball program is a tribute to the hard work, dedication, and perseverance of both coach and player alike, and deserves special recognition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we congratulate the Briarcrest Christian School Girls' Basketball Team on earning the 2001-2002 TSSAA Division II State Championship, join with their teachers, families, and friends in celebrating their remarkable success, and wish them the best in every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.